REPORT

OF

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

COMMUNICATING,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 16th instant, an estimate for the extension of the United States arsenal at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

DECEMBER 26, 1856.—Read, ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, December 22, 1856.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 16th instant, requesting the Secretary of War "to furnish the Senate with an estimate of the appropriation necessary for the extension of the United States arsenal at Fayetteville, North Carolina, to render it a suitable arsenal of construction," I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a communication from the chief of ordnance, giving the estimate called for.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFF'N DAVIS, Secretary of War.

Hon. J. D. Bright,

President pro tem. of the Senate.

Ordnance Office, Washington, December 19, 1856.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 16th instant, I have the honor to report that I estimate the appropriation necessary for the extension of North Carolina arsenal to render it a suitable arsenal of construction, to be, first, for machinery, tools and fixtures, \$50,350; second, an additional timber and carriage house, \$25,000. I annex an estimate, in detail, of the first item; and in regard to the second, would remark, that the building estimated for, although necessary to make the arsenal a suitable one for construction, need not

be erected until after the machinery for constructing operations has been procured and put in place. The appropriation of the first item will, therefore, be sufficient for the next fiscal year.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. K. CRAIG, Colonel of Ordnance.

Hon. Jeff'n Davis, Secretary of War.

Estimate for machinery, tools and fixtures required for an arsenal of construction at Fayetteville, North Carolina, including the cost of putting the machinery in place.

One steam-engine of thirty-horse power, with boiler, shafting, &c		\$7,000
Machines for metal work, viz:		
One blowing machine	\$,000 2,000	
\$500 Two planing machines, one at \$2,000, one at	4,300	
Two screw-cutting machines, one at \$800, one at	3,000 1,400	
\$600 One punching press	800	
Three drill presses, one at \$1,000, two at \$300	1,600	
Fitting up machines and purchase of tools	10,000	\$24,100
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Machines for wood work, viz:		
Two planing machines, one at \$1,500, one at \$1,000. Three lathes, one at \$1,000, one at \$700, one at	2,500	
\$500 One mortising machine	2,200 750	
One spoke-turning machine	800	
One tenoning machine	500 500 500	
Two saws, one at \$400, one at \$300, (upright and circular)	700 800 5,000	
One fire-engine with all requisites	Manney 1	14,250 5,000
Total amount		50,350